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Expectation maximization of prefrontal-superior temporal network by indicator component-based approach

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Abstract

In CNS*02, we hypothetically provided the cross-supramodal integration system, which is hypothetically dedicated by a bidirectional neuronal network where prefrontal cortex (PFC) is interacted with hippocampus (HC) in order to calculate the coherent relationship between the supramodalities. The parameter to learn the coherence may also be dedicated by Anterior Cingulate (AC) cortex. In this paper, we attempt to propose top-down attention control system based on the outcome that we presented at CNS*02. That is, PFC is presumably interacted with superior temporal (ST) neuron in order to extract indicator component representing the whole view of face or object, by maximizing the expectant value where attention modulation can be taken into account of distinguishing different faces. As a result, we postulate an objective of the top-down attention control is essentially to compute the abstraction of face/object information based on the Expectation Maximization (EM) algorithm since the voluntary movements of facial viewpoints must play an important role of integrating spatial and temporal property.

Key words: Prefrontal and Superior-temporal Cortex, Distributed Cortical Neuronal Network, Spatiotemporal Attention, Cross Supra-modality, EM Algorithm

1 Introduction

PF cortex is involved in a broad array of cognitive functions, including learning, memory, attention, executive function, planning, and judgment [1]. It is known that PFC has also the executive committee by consolidating hippocampus and other cortical areas. In CNS*01, we suggested the computational

model of anterior-cingulate (AC)-prefrontal-posterior parietal (PP) cortex in relation to attention demanding and modulation process [2]. Conclusively, this work has indicated the aim of PFC-based executive neuronal network was to compute the spatiotemporal attention mechanism. Furthermore, we in CNS*02, presented the computational model of spatiotemporal attention to learn the coherent relationship across the cross-supramodal integration [3]. From recent neurobiological results, it is indicated that the rewiring mechanism can be induced by the inhibitory neuronal network onto excitatory neurons of cerebral cortex where PF neuron may be crucial role of representing the supramodal density and the cross-supramodal correlation by interacting AC cortex. In this paper, we propose the top-down attention control scheme that is hypothesized the computation with respect to the connection of PF and superior temporal (ST) cortex. ST cortex is presumably known a conjunctive point between the 'dorsal' stream specialized by motion (temporal attention) property and the 'ventral' stream (what) specialized by form (spatial attention) property. Additionally, the ST is known for the multimodal response as well as the cross-modal response when interacting with posterior parietal (PP) cortex. Importantly, recent physiological results also demonstrated the neurons in ST involve in the computation of face perception [4]. This is because the two core areas of face processing engage in the categorization of a stimulus as a face, and the identification of a specific individual, by the ST neuron incorporated with inferior temporal (IT) neuron, in order to implement the facial perception consisting of the 'rough' and the 'finer' computations through their neurons belonging in PF and Orbito-Frontal (OF) cortex. The PF-based executive neuronal network involving ST cortex is hypothetically represented as shown in Fig.1, and AC, Basal Ganglia (BG) and Hippocampus (HP) are taken part in the network. The key idea of our speculation is, PF cortex, which may expertise the top-down attention control where attention modulation allows the maximum expectant to yield the semantic abstraction representing specific face or object information in accordance with the supramodal computation. In this sense, the computational role of top-down attention may be implicated to calculate the expectation value where the visual motion may be crucial for maximizing it by adding the biasing signals to the visual form. It evokes generalization properties of biological motion perception using a new class of stimuli that were generated by the spatial and temporal characteristic of morphing among different viewpoint patterns. It has been demonstrated using several monkey's experiments shows that the PF neuron involves in the reward-based learning where spatial information becomes more accurate when reward outcome is expected; more accurate representations of spatial information would as a consequence lead to more accurate behavior, e.g., [5]. In this paper, we suggest the top-down attention control scheme based on the PFC-STS network related to a biological Expectation Maximization (EM) learning algorithm to extract the indicator component based on the top-down attention

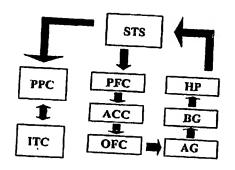


Fig. 1. Hypothetical connection of PFC and STS

2 Computational Model

In this section, we describe the computation model of our proposal, called indicator facial component-based learning approach. The overview of proposed system is shown in Fig.2 (left) where the single component classifier initially developed by [5] is hierarchically reorganized by the multiple component classifiers using Support Vector Machine (SVM) training algorithm which performs pattern recognition for a two-class problem by determining the separating hyperplane that has maximum distance to the closest points of the training set. The closest points, the maximum distance are called Support Vector (SV) and Margin respectively [6]. In our framework, the proposal system aims to extract the indicator facial component that is used to abstract the informative source to distinguish different faces. Face component-based learning algorithm aims to detect faces of different sizes and arbitrary positions in a gray value input image [4]. More precisely, Fig.2. (Right) shows the schematic drawing where component classifiers independently detect components of the face on the first level. This classifier allows the components to extract the features around eyes, nose and mouth. On the second level, the geometrical configuration classifier performs the final face detection by linearly combining the results of the component classifiers. We eventually obtain the output of SVM component classifier indicates if there is a face inside the window or not. Generally, one of the main problems in the component-based object recognition is the selection of the components; how to find discriminated components that allow to distinguish a particular object from rest. To address the question, we employ the proposed system shown in Fig.2 where top-down attention control must be taken into account of maximizing the expectation value where the viewpoint of faces are fluctuated by attention modulation to differentiate the semantic abstraction of indicator component.

Let the expectation value $\mathcal E$ be

$$\mathcal{E}(\Omega_{\tau}) \approx \int log P(\mathcal{O}, \Omega; \tau) d\mathcal{O}$$
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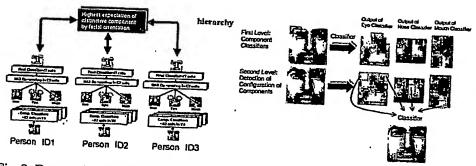


Fig. 2. Proposed multiple classifier system to attain indicator component(Left) and conventional two-level single classifier system (Right)

where Ω represents the probabilistic attention variables e.g. see [2] in accordance with certain viewpoints τ . \mathcal{O} is the outputs that are calculated from each SVM component classifier shown in Fig.2 (Left). Additionally, to calculate the probability density function $P(\mathcal{O}, \Omega; \tau)$ we assume the hypothetical mapping $h: \mathcal{O} \mapsto \Omega$. The mapping h will be mathematically defined as,

$$P(\Omega_{\tau}) \equiv P(y = 1 | \mathcal{O}_{\tau}) = \frac{1}{1 + exp(\mathcal{O}_{\tau}/\gamma_{\tau})}$$
 (2)

where, y is the classification label of positive examples and $\gamma \in \Omega$ is the predictive parameter of attention modulation to extract the indicator component that maximizes the expectation value \mathcal{E} . γ_{τ} represents the correspondence between the supramodalities such as visual form and motion. Importantly, in our framework the attention Ω can be regarded as the kind of 'hidden variables' calculating to determine the optimal subset of ranked features that is learned from each SVM component classifier. The computation of Eq. (2) is initially suggested by [8]. Mathematically, γ_{τ} is somehow related to the differentiation of the expectation \mathcal{E} over Ω_{τ} ,

$$\gamma_{\tau} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(\Omega_{\tau})}{\partial \Omega_{\tau}} \tag{3}$$

Note that the right side of Eq.(3) computes the functional splope of the expectation value \mathcal{E} . In principle, we can maximize the logarithm of the joint distribution (which is proportional to the posterior):

$$\Omega_{\tau+1} = argmax_{\Omega_{\tau}} \quad \mathcal{E}(\Omega, \Omega_{\tau})$$
(4)

where τ denotes the parameter representing the viewpoint of a facial component. It is important to remind that the expectation value $\mathcal E$ is calculated in the E-step by evaluating the current guess Ω_{τ} where in the M-step we are optimizing $\mathcal E(\Omega,\Omega_{\tau})$ with respect to the *free variable* τ (facial viewpoint) to accordingly obtain the new estimate $\Omega_{\tau+1}$.

To implement our indicator component-based approach, training images are captured over the circumstances of various illuminations and the unique (black) background. After the images are collected, pixel values are used as inputs to each layer of a SVM component classifier as shown in Fig.2. The cropped image is then converted into gray values and is re-scaled to 40×40 pixels. Histogram equalization is also applied to remove variations existing in image brightness and contrast. The 1,600 gray values of each face image are then normalized to the range between 0 and 1. Each image is represented by a single feature vector of length 1,600 - the total number of pixels in the image. These feature vectors serve as the inputs to the SVM face classifier during the training process. With respect to the training dataset it includes 974 images of all six subjects in our database. The rotation in depth is again up to about ±42°. Fig.3 (left) implicates the facial viewpoints has the rotation by right to left, or left to right within -10° to $+10^{\circ}$. By contrast, the rotation of facial viewpoints is only left by +12° to +42° in Fig.3 (right). Furthermore, Fig.4 shows the expectation values in both cases, and which are calculated based on Eq.(1). Conclusively, their results demonstrate that the expectation value is used for selecting component features by qualifying the input data structure in accordance with different facial viewpoints. We suggest the computation of top-down attention control by PF neuron may be originated to maximize the expectation value where attention class Ω is modulated over different component features, in order to restrict the quantity and quality of training data mapping into the feature space in order to find the optimal subset of selected features, as the indicator component.

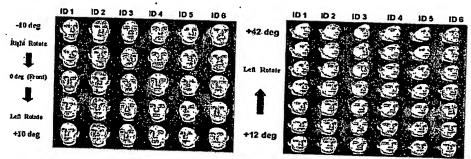
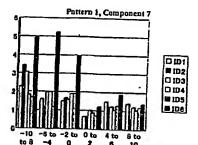


Fig. 3. Facial movement pattern by -10° to $+10^{\circ}$ (Left) and $+12^{\circ}$ to $+42^{\circ}$ (Right)

3 Discussion and Future work

We present the proposed learning system as it relates to component-based face recognition where top-down attention control can be taken into account of facial movements, which are dedicated the possibility that is 'experience-dependent' learning with the intrinsic nature of facial perception. Additionally,



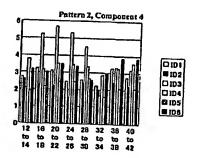
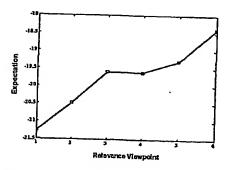


Fig. 4. Histogram shows the learning result by SVM. Vertical axis denotes the margin, while horizontal axis represents the viewpoint discretized by every 2° . ID6 shows the most distinction for the left-side nose component (Left) with -10° to $+10^{\circ}$. By contrast, ID3 shows the most distinction for the right-side eye component (Right) with $+12^{\circ}$ to $+42^{\circ}$



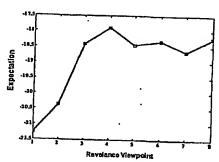


Fig. 5. Expectation value calculated by Eq.1 under the rotation of -10° to $+10^{\circ}$ (Right) and $+12^{\circ}$ to $+42^{\circ}$ (Left)

we assume faces may engender both face-specific and general object processing, and that face-specific processing might be revealed only if the general object system was occupied by concurrent object processing. That is, it is possible that the general object recognition system is itself not *monolithic*, and may become differentiated by experience. It hypothetically allows us to provide the neuronal computation across PFC and STS/IT. Prior to the mechanism of human face recognition, many studies so far indicated that it is the intrinsic

nature itself rather than the experience-dependency. However, several lines of evidence make this conclusion unlikely based on infant experience of face processing [9][10][11][12]. Furthermore, the development of face processing has indicated its significance for social cognition. For example, infants orientate more rapidly to peripheral visual targets when cued by the direction of eye gaze presented by face [13]. Semantic priming refers to the fact that recognition of a word or object of a particular category e.g., animals, is better and faster when preceded by a stimulus of the same category e.g., cat proceeded by dog than when preceded by a stimulus of a different category e.g., cat preceded by pencil. Behavioral studies of face priming indeed have been carried out to infer the processes involved in face recognition. We showed the PFC-STS model suggests the EM algorithm that is basically originated from top-down attention control process biased by visual motion. In our framework, the topdown attention regulates each SVM component classifier by calculating the expectant value to extract indicator component. Future work may allow us the top-down attention to be applying in emotional perception and even in more general-domain for object perception by extending the class of indicator component which is obtained from rotated faces.

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Components for Face Recognition 294

Abstract

We present a method for automatically learning a set of discriminatory facial components for face recognition. The algorithm performs an iterative growing of components starting with small initial components located around preselected points in the face. The direction of growing is determined by the gradient of the cross-validation error of the component classifiers. In experiments we analyze how the shape of the components and their discriminatory power changes across different individuals and views.

1. Introduction

In component-based face recognition the classification is based on local components as opposed to the global approach where the whole face pattern is fed into a single classifier. The main idea behind using components is to compensate for pose changes by allowing a flexible geometrical relation between the components in the classification stage. In addition, component-based recognition is more robust against local changes in the image pattern caused by partial occlusion or shadows. In [5] face recognition was performed by independently matching templates of the eyes, the nose and the mouth. A similar approach with an additional alignment stage was proposed in [3]. In [7] recognition was based on Gabor wavelet coefficients that were computed on the nodes of a 2D elastic graph. A comparison between global and component-based face recognition systems using Support Vector Machines (SVM) was published in [1].

The main difficulty in component-based object recognition is the selection of the components, i.e. how to find discriminatory components that allow to distinguish a particular object from other objects. In previous work [2] we introduced an algorithm that learns rectangular facial components for a face detection system. The algorithm starts with small initial components located around preselected points on the face. Each component is grown iteratively; the direction of growing is controlled by an SVM error bound of the component classifier. In the present paper we extend this method to the multi-class problem of face recognition and replace the error bound by the cross-validation error. Not only should the cross-validation error give us a better

estimate of the prediction error it also makes the technique applicable to other types of classifiers besides SVMs. For every person in the training database we determine posespecific sets of components. In our experiments we investigate how the learned components change across individuals and poses. This information might be relevant for a wide variety of face recognition and verification systems.

The outline of the paper is as follows: The image data is described in Section 2. In Section 3 we explain the method for learning components. Section 4 contains the experimental results and the discussion. Section 5 concludes the paper.

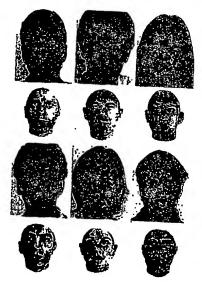


Figure 1: Original images and synthetic images for all six subjects in the database. The face images are arranged according to the ID numbers, starting with person 1 in the upper left corner and ending with person 6 in the lower right corner.

2. Face Data

Our method for learning components requires the extraction of corresponding components from a large number of training images. To be able to automate the extraction process

we used a set of textured 3D head models with known pointwise correspondences. The 3D head models were computed from image triplets (front, half profile, profile view) of six subjects using the morphable model approach described in [4]. Fig. 1 shows an original image and a rendered images of each of the six subjects in the database. Approximately 10,900 synthetic faces were generated at a resolution of 58×58 by rendering the six 3D face models under varying pose and illumination. The faces were rotated in depth from 0° to 44° in 2° increments. They were illuminated by ambient light and a single directional light pointing towards the center of the face. The directional light source was positioned between -90° and 90° in azimuth and 0° and 75° in elevation. Its angular position was incremented by 15° in both directions. Example images with different pose and illumination settings are shown in Fig. 2.

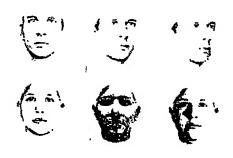


Figure 2: Examples of synthetic faces from the training set: Upper row shows the variations in pose and the bottom row shows different illuminations.

To build the cross-validation set we rendered the 3D head models for slightly different viewpoints and illumination conditions. The faces were rotated in depth from 1° to 45° in 2° steps. The position of the directional light source varied between -112.5° and 97.5° in azimuth and between -22.5° and 67.5° in elevation. Its angular position was incremented by 30° in both directions. In addition, each face was tilted by $\pm 10^{\circ}$ and rotated in the image plane by $\pm 5^{\circ}$. The validation set included about 18,200 face images, some examples are shown in Fig. 3.



Figure 3: Examples of synthetic faces from the validation set. The faces in the cross-validation set were tilted by $\pm 10^{\circ}$ and rotated in the image plane by $\pm 5^{\circ}$.

3. Learning Components

An intuitive choice of components for face recognition would be the eyes, the nose and the mouth. However, it is not clear what exactly the size and shape of these components should be and whether there are other components which are equally important for recognition. Furthermore. we would like to quantify the discriminatory power of each component and analyze how the optimal set of components changes over pose and across different subjects. This can be accomplished by an algorithm for learning components which was developed in the context of face detection [2]. The algorithm starts with a small rectangular component located around a preselected point in the face (e.g. center of the left eye). The component is extracted from each face image to build a training set. A component classifier is trained according to the one-vs-all strategy, i.e. the components of one person are trained against the components of all other people in the database. We then estimate the prediction error of each component classifier by cross-validation. To do so we extract the components from all images in the validation set based on the known locations of the reference points. Analogous to the training data, the positive validation set includes the components of one person and the negative set includes the components of all other people. After we determined the recognition rate (CV rate) of the current component classifier on the validation set we enlarge the component by expanding the rectangle by one pixel into one of four directions: up, down, left or right. Again, we generate training data, train an SVM and determine the CV rate. We do this for expansions into all four directions and finally keep the expansion for which the CV rate increases the most. This process can be repeated for a preselected number of expansion steps. We ran our experiments on fourteen components, most of them located in the vicinity of the eyes, nose and mouth (see Fig. 4).





Figure 4: The initial fourteen components for a frontal and rotated face.

4. Experiments

The rotation in depth of the faces in the training and validation sets ranged from 0° to 44° , with increments of 2° . We split the data into three subsets: $[0^{\circ}, 14^{\circ}], [16^{\circ}, 30^{\circ}]$ and

[32°, 44°], which in the following are referred to as pose intervals 1, 2, and 3, respectively. Each subset included about 630 training and 1060 validation images of each person. To speed-up computation, we randomly removed two thirds of the images in the validation subsets, leaving 350 images in each validation subset. For each person and each pose interval we trained a set of fourteen component classifiers, resulting in 252 component classifiers overall.

In a first experiment we determined the CV rate depending on the width and height of a symmetric component. Symmetric components are rectangular components which are centered on a reference point, i.e. their expansions to the left and right are identical as are the expansions up and down. The dependency on only two variables allows a 3D visualization of the CV rate. We computed the CV rate for SVMs with second-degree polynomial kernel for all sizes of a symmetric component between 5×5 and 21×21 pixels. As features we used the histogram-equalized gray values of the component patterns. Some results are depicted in Fig. 5. The first four rows show the CV rates for the components 2 (right eye), 3 (center of the mouth), and 10 (right cheek) for pose interval 3 (32° to 44°). The last two rows show how the CV rate of component 3 changes across the pose. The surfaces are relatively smooth with few local maxima. It can be expected that gradient-based methods, such as the one described in the previous Section, can be successfully applied to find the maxima. The diagrams also show that the CV rate for a given component strongly changes between subjects, indicating that person-specific components yield better discrimination results than a universal set of components. Another important observation is that the results for a given component/subject combination vary over pose, which suggests the use of view-specific components.

In a second experiment we applied the algorithm described in Section 3 to learn a set of rectangular components. The initial size of our 14 components was set to 9×9 pixels. The number of iterations in the growing process was limited to 10, resulting in 10 components of different sizes and with different CV rates. Of the 10 components we selected the one with the maximum CV rate as our final choice. As for the previous experiment, we trained SVMs with a second-degree polynomial kernel on the histogramequalized gray values of the components. Fig. 6 shows the learned components across different subjects and views. The average intensity of the component encodes the CV rate, bright values indicate a high CV rate. The pictures show that the CV rates decrease with increasing rotation. This effect is more prominent for components on the left side of the face-the side to which the faces were rotatedthan for components on the right side. For the given system, the optimal pose interval for recognizing faces is the near frontal interval, which is similar to results reported in psychophysical experiments on face recognition in humans

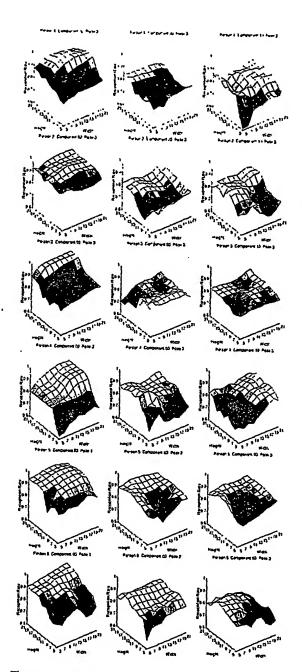
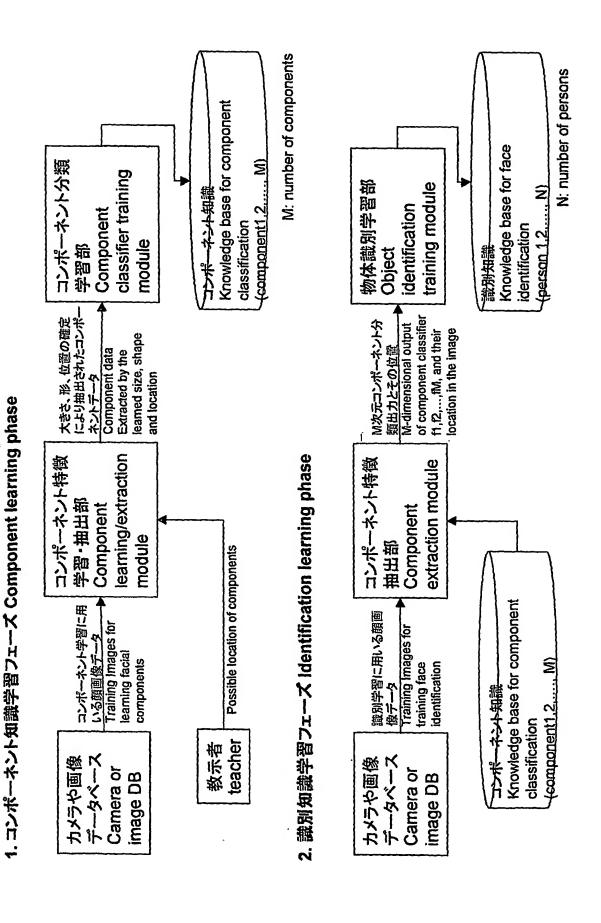


Figure 5: The cross-validation recognition rate for symmetric components. The first four rows show the CV rates for the components 2 (right eye), 3 (center of the mouth), and 10 (right cheek) for pose interval 3: [32°, 44°]. The last two rows show how the CV rate changes across the pose intervals [0°, 14°], [16°, 30°] and [32°, 44°].

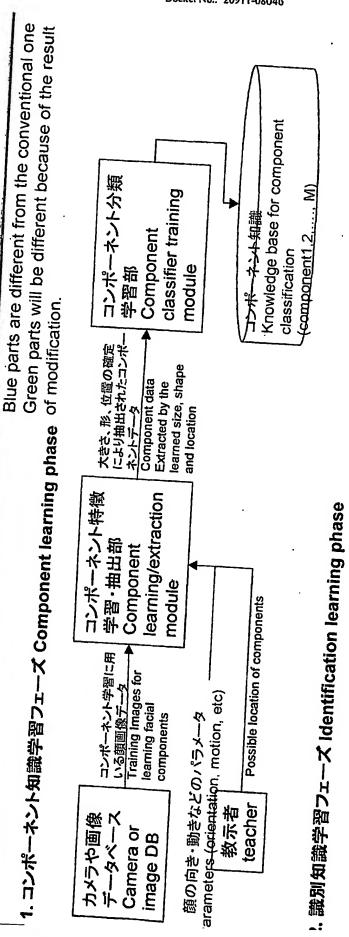
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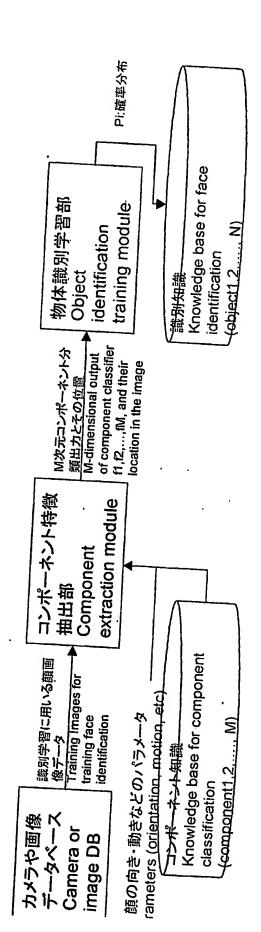
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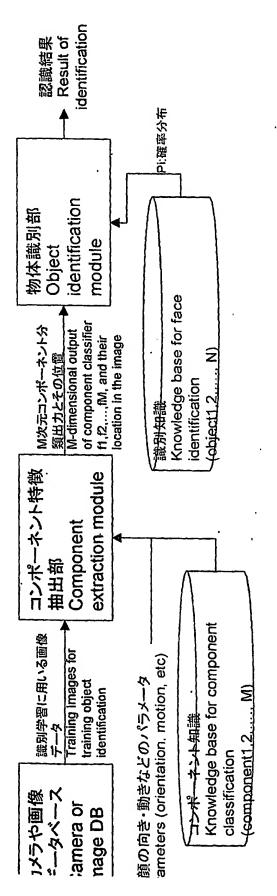
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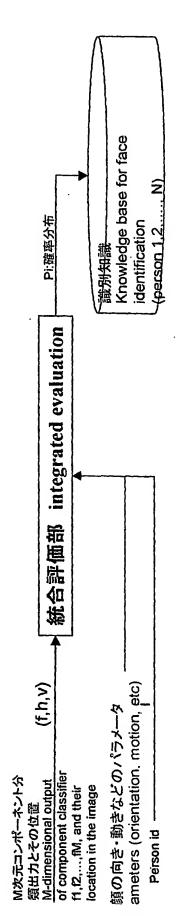


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